

An aerial photograph of a freshwater body, likely a lake or reservoir, showing a massive, dense green algal bloom. The water surface is covered in swirling, textured patterns of green algae. A single, bright yellow leaf floats on the surface in the lower right quadrant, providing a sharp contrast to the green. The text "Freshwater Algae Control Program Development" is overlaid in the center in a bold, orange font.


# Freshwater Algae Control Program Development

# Program Overview

- 2005-07 Legislature authorized collection of \$1 from each boat registration.
- Approximately \$500,000 estimated to be available for 2005-07 biennium.
- Approximately \$160,000 to date.
- Provides grants to cities, counties, tribes, special purpose districts, and state agencies to manage excessive freshwater algae.
- Provides technical assistance to applicants and the public about aquatic algae control.

# Technical Assistance


## Proposal:

- Focus on Cyanobacteria (Blue-green Algae)
  - Establish mail-in algal identification service
  - Arrange toxicity testing for toxin-producing species
  - Data posted to an on-line database
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# Financial Assistance

## Proposal:

- Small grants
  - Education targeting nutrient reduction
  - Signage and brochures about algal blooms
  - Help setting up a centralized toxicity testing center
  - Small pilot projects
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Suggestions?

